

WACO.

Ex-Gov. Hubbard on Railroads, Politics and the Thermic Motor.

Notes and News of Current Interest in the Central City.

Special to the Gazette.

Waco, April 1.—Ex-Gov. Richard B. Hubbard has spent to-day in Waco. He was here on purely private business, but talked freely of sundry public matters, which is to run from Gainesville via Pilot Point, McKinney, Sherman, etc., to Tyler, he said. English capitalists were evincing great confidence in the measure and would probably furnish most of the money. Over \$300,000 have been subscribed, solvent guarantees, and the work of construction will be inaugurated early in the fall. Gov. Hubbard is not actively connected now with the Texas & St. Louis narrow gauge railroad, but feels an earnest interest in its welfare. He does not believe the road will be sold at all, having great confidence in the ability of the receiver to extricate it from its embarrassments, but says if it should be forced to the wall, the sale will not be earlier than six months yet, and that in no event is it likely to pass into the hands of the Gould or Huntington interest, but will undoubtedly be purchased by the Illinois Central or some other interest, and kept as a narrow-gauge competing line.

Concerning his connection with the much-talked-of "triple thermic motor," which is to rival steam and perhaps lay Keely in the shade, Gov. Hubbard said his taking stock was purely contingent upon circumstances. While in New York himself, Mr. Crosby of Houston, Senator Butler of South Carolina and other gentlemen representing transportation interests, had been asked to see the new motor at work. They did so and he must say the results were wonderful. Bisulphide of carbon, if it can be utilized for locomotives as they saw it utilized to drive a sixty-horse power engine in New York, would revolutionize the transportation business of the world, for it was eighty per cent cheaper than steam. But himself and friends told the inventors and owners of the motor: "You must demonstrate that this thing is practical—that it will do for locomotive or steamship. Do that and we will take stock in it." "This," continued Governor Hubbard, "they have promised to do, and they write me they will give a practical test within thirty or forty days. I think there is something in the invention very valuable, but I am not prepared to take hold of it or venture for it until I see further demonstrations."

As to politics, Gov. Hubbard says he is not a candidate for any office. He would be willing to go to Chicago as a delegate to the national convention if the people want him, but doesn't specially desire that honor. He had accepted an invitation from the Iroquois club of Chicago to be at their annual banquet on the 15th of this month and respond to the toast: "The coming canvass," but doubts if he will be able to go. He hopes the Democrats in congress will make a clean, square-cut issue of the tariff, and does not believe Tilden would accept the nomination if it were tendered to him. Gov. Hubbard left for Tyler to-night.

Sanford Johnson, proprietor of the Waco driving park and race course, will go to Fort Worth next Monday evening, accompanied by a committee of Waco gentlemen, to confer with the Fort Worth association about getting Waco in the North Texas circuit. Mr. Johnson has already spent \$12,000 on his park, and will spend \$5,000 more before it is complete. The grounds are beautiful and spacious and will be ready for the fall meeting.

Mrs. Martha Rotan, the aged mother of Mr. E. Rotan, of the wholesale grocery firm of Kellum & Rotan, died this morning.

Rev. Dr. Palmer's (of New Orleans) visit is postponed until the floods at New Orleans subside.

A very heavy rain and thunder storm occurred last night. Lightning struck the spire of the Hebrew synagogue, damaging it some.

PARIS.

The Building Association—Reclaiming the Unfortunate.

Special to the Gazette.

Paris, April 1.—Seven hundred shares of the Building association was subscribed for to-day.

Prof. H. C. Gowdy deserves the appreciation of all classes for the untiring interest in the imbricate and those who have acquired the habit of taking morphine exclusively. With the use of the remedy, "double chloride of gold," he has been in a measure of reclaiming many a drunkard and with the morphine habit. We refer to him and these remedies, for which he is the state agent, not to pull him or the medicine, but as a simple act of justice, believing that he is a benefactor of his race. There are scores and hundreds in this state ready to testify to these facts.

The meeting at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. R. E. Pearson, is moving off with considerable interest.

FORT DAVIS.

Two Deaths—The First Week's Work in the District Court.

Special to the Gazette.

Fort Davis, April 1.—Abram Tibbets, an old settler of this county, died Saturday and was buried yesterday.

A. J. Mitchell dropped dead here to-day. The immediate cause of his death was due to disipation and exposure. The deceased was prominently connected, and has wealthy and influential relatives living in San Antonio and Austin, among them being ex-Attorney-General McLeary. A coroner's inquest rendered a verdict as above.

The district court convened one week ago yesterday. Seven convictions have been made so far, the terms of the sentences ranging from five to nine years in the penitentiary. The present week promises to be an interesting one, there being four murder cases on the docket, two of which will likely receive the death sentence.

We are badly in need of rain.

VALLEY MILLS.

A Rain and Wind Storm—Two Young Physicians.

Special to the Gazette.

Valley Mills, April 1.—A heavy rain with vivid lightning and a strong wind last night brought some of our good citizens out of their beds, thinking another cyclone was near. However, nothing serious occurred.

Dr. McNeill and Jarrett, after graduating creditably at New Orleans, have returned to Valley Mills, their home.

SAN ANTONIO.

Final Release of Collector Plato—Big Cattle Drives—A Canard.

Special to the Gazette.

San Antonio, April 1.—Col. Nelson Plato, recently convicted in the federal court here on the charge of unauthorizedly releasing alleged smuggled property, as collector of customs at Corpus Christi, had a rehearing to-day before Judge Turner and the case was dismissed. The result gives satisfaction.

The Pryor of Austin has just completed cattle contracts here which will run his drive up to 45,000, about 30,000 of which are already sold to deliver.

The city was agog this afternoon over the report that Sullivan, the pugilist, would arrive to-night. Sullivan is at Austin. It was a first of April joke.

AN EXCITING DAY.

Suicide, Murder and the City Election at Alvarado.

An Old Citizen Attempts to Shuffle Off This Mortal Coil.

A General Row—Butch Ligon Shot and Fatally Wounded.

Special to the Gazette.

Alvarado, April 1.—This has been a day of great excitement in this place, murder, suicide and the city election all lending their quota of startling interest.

This morning at eight o'clock Mr. Matthews, an old citizen here, purchased an ounce of laudanum and swallowed it with suicidal intent, but by his friends resorting to the usual means of restoration he was, after hard work, rescued from the grave.

This evening about five o'clock, a general row occurred, resulting in several knock-downs and bloody noses, and hard feelings were engendered. At about 8:45 the row was renewed near the depot at the switch house, in which one Butch Ligon was shot in the neck above the collar-bone. The particulars further than this can not be obtained, owing to the intense excitement. The wound is a dangerous one and may prove fatal at any moment. The wounded man, Ligon, is well connected here, being a son-in-law of Col. Moses Brown and a brother-in-law of Deers Duke and Nix. It is not known now who did the shooting, and serious trouble may result, as there is much excitement and bitter feelings on both sides.

FORT SMITH.

Death of a Texas Outlaw—A Case of Horrible Suffering.

Special to the Gazette.

Fort Smith, Ark., April 1.—John Robinson, who died of pneumonia in the United States jail here yesterday, confessed that he was the Texas murderer and outlaw, John W. Oliver. After his last murder, nearly four years ago, he left Texas and settled in the Indian Territory under the name of Robinson, and carried on traffic in whiskey. He was shot in the thigh last December in a drunken row, and lay in an old hut without medical attention. While there in a helpless condition, the rats ate off his toes, and would have devoured him alive had not a deputy marshal arrested him and brought him to Fort Smith. When he arrived his flesh was rotten, and his bones were visible. His case is pronounced by the doctors to be one of the most remarkable cases of human endurance ever known.

TEMPLE.

A Wind Storm—Timid Citizens Seeking Their Dog-Outs.

Special to the Gazette.

Temple, April 1.—Quite a wind storm struck Temple this morning, but no damage was done, though a number of our citizens for fear took refuge in their "storm holes."

Messrs. Berry and Granger, telephone manager and superintendent of construction respectively, are here and will soon have the wires up. The exchange will be in Stansell & Griffith's new building, which is centrally and conveniently located. We will have connection with Bolton, and the question of extending the lines to Oenaville and Troy is being industriously agitated.

HILLSBORO.

A Shower—Convicted of Burglary—Personal Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

Hillsboro, April 1.—A heavy shower fell here last night, making everything look bright and fresh to-day.

Mr. C. B. Trippett is the happy father of a fine little baby girl, and he is being congratulated on every side.

Smith Barnes, colored, was convicted of burglarizing C. A. J. Morris' store, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

Mr. Hamp Carter is quite sick at his residence below town.

ABILENE.

The Wounded Man's Condition—A Case of Justification.

Special to the Gazette.

Abilene, April 1.—The man Greenwood, stabbed yesterday, is still alive, though a legular vein was cut and it was with difficulty that he was prevented from bleeding to death at once. Mr. Spicer is said to have been justified in the cutting.

THE CHEROKEES' CASH.

Investigation of Charges Against Ex-Congressman Phillips.

St. Smith, Ark., April 1.—United States Commissioner Wheeler has begun investigation of the charges preferred against William A. Phillips for misappropriating Indian money. Phillips collected \$300,000 from the United States government for the Cherokees, and retained \$22,000 of it, which he claimed was paid to officials in Washington in order to get the money.

Phillips was attorney for the Cherokees, located at Washington, and was formerly congressman from Kansas. A civil suit is pending in the United States court here against him for the above amount.

Champion Chess-Player.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 1.—Dr. Zukertort, the champion chess-player of the world, won eight out of twelve games played blindfolded last night. The contest lasted from eight p. m. until three this morning.

Ladies approve of your smoking "Little Joker."

FIRE AT SHERMAN.

A Lady's Fatal Brief Chat With One of Her Neighbors.

How the Furious Flames Raged in Spite of the Gallant Firemen.

List of Losers and Losses—Many Families Destitute.

Special to the Gazette.

Sherman, April 1.—This morning about 9:30 o'clock a fire broke out in Sperry's row of small frame tenement houses on Jones street between Crockett and Travis. The flames started in the second room on the east end of the row, occupied by the family of Wm. Ayers. Mrs. Ayers built up a fire to prepare for ironing, and stepped into an adjoining apartment to have a chat with her neighbor. When she returned, the stovepipe had fallen, and the flames were spreading through the house. She endeavored to save a few articles, but met with poor success before she was forced to retire from the fast burning building. Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Jassenberger and Mr. King to the west and James Strain in the east end of the row were all turned out, and only saved a few articles of furniture of little value. In fact, Ayers and Strain saved nothing but the wearing apparel they had on at the time. From these buildings the flames were communicated to the Ellipse stables belonging to M. G. Hilderbrand, a grocer, which was used as a store house for grain, hay, groceries and vegetables. This was soon consumed and with it also went a 50x100 feet brick store house belonging to Byers Bros. and used as a warehouse for the storage of agricultural implements and machinery. Hilderbrand's residence, immediately south of the warehouse and fronting on Travis street took fire in the ell and for some time it appeared that the firemen, who were battling gallantly to subdue the flames, would arrest their progress here and save further loss, but just at the critical moment the cistern supplying the water gave out and before they could move to another in the block immediately north, between Jones street and the square, these two buildings were beyond saving, and the handsome two-story residence of Ed Moore was also on fire and could not be saved. From this the Cumberland Presbyterian church also took fire. In several places along the windows and cornice, but the firemen entered the building where they got the protection of the brick walls and saved it by this means. Just across Travis street the temple of the Travis street Methodist church loomed up as a conspicuous object for the aggressive flames that lapped nearly across the street, but by the frequent application of water from the engine this was saved and a whole block of residences east of it that could not have escaped if it had burned. While the flames were at their worst and seemed determined to cross Travis street, the county jail was threatened and the sheriff and his deputies, with the assistance of ex-Sheriff Everhart, took all the prisoners to the yard, properly secured for removal in the event of danger to the prison.

Several slight casualties occurred, but fortunately no one was seriously hurt.

John Lagsdon went into one of the tenement houses to remove the goods, and the front door blew shut behind him. In an instant the room filled with stifling smoke and the hot flames came licking through the slender partitions, scorching his hair and face pretty badly before he could grope his way to the door and get out.

R. W. Wells of the Sam Houston Fire company, while removing machinery from the Byers building, was suffocated by fainting by the dense smoke, and had to be dragged out by his companions. He was searched about the face and his hair and beard burnt.

E. B. Paxson was cut on the head in Ed Moore's residence while helping to remove the furniture, by a bucket thrown from the second story. He was stunned for a time but resumed business in a couple of hours.

The losses so far as can be ascertained to-day are as follows:

Byers Bros., loss on building, \$3,000; on stock, \$8,000; well insured.

Hilderbrand sustained a total loss of \$4,000 and was insured on his stable \$200; residence, \$500, and on stock \$1,000.

Ed Moore's loss, about \$6,000; insurance on building, \$2,000; on furniture, \$1,500.

None of the other sufferers had a dollar insurance, and as four of them are widows and poor, they are rendered almost destitute.

Firemen made a most gallant fight to save the property, and to prevent the failure of their water supply would have saved all the most valuable. They deserve great credit for their heroic work and are loudly thanked by all who witnessed their work.

This is a good time to agitate water works for Sherman so that her citizens may be made as sure in their possession as our neighboring ladies are now canvassing the city for aid to the destitute sufferers and are meeting with a generous response.

GALVESTON.

The Stranded Steamer—An American Schooner Seized in Mexico.

Galveston, April 1.—The Mallory steamer San Marcos, from New York for Galveston, yesterday reported on the beach, its ashore on the west side of San Louis pass, twenty-eight miles from Galveston. Capt. Sawyer, agent of the line, returned from the scene this evening, and reports the vessel is in thirteen feet of water, with both anchors out, and resting easily, although there is some leakage. The steamer Maddox and the ship, and the Bessie this afternoon, after bringing up all the San Marcos passengers, including 155 German immigrants, returned accompanied by the tugboat Star. The ship's cargo has not yet begun to be taken out, but lightning will commence as soon as the sea permits.

The steamer Panuco, Capt. Marlin, owned by the Mexican National Railway company, which has been used as a lighter at Tampico during the past year, arrived to-day at noon, bound for New Orleans, and reports the schooner Rebeca, a well-known craft on this coast, as having been seized by the Mexican authorities for alleged violation of the customs laws of that country.

AN OHIO CYCLONE.

A Village Swept Away and Several Lives Lost.

Cincinnati, April 1.—A Fort Wayne dispatch says the village of Oakville, between Muncie and New Castle, was swept away at 5 p. m. by a cyclone. Several lives were lost. No particulars.

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HENRIETTA.

E. M. Simmons Shot and Instantly Killed by G. W. Wofford.

Tennesseans Arrested for Murders Committed Three Years Ago.

Editor of the Gazette.

Henrietta, April 1.—E. M. Simmons was shot and killed to-night about 8 o'clock by G. W. Wofford, bar-keeper at the Parlor saloon. There were no words between them at the time of the killing, but they had a quarrel some weeks ago. Simmons was generally considered a dangerous character when provoked, but there is some indignation against Wofford for shooting with so little provocation. Wofford surrendered to the sheriff and is now in jail. The jury of inquest returned a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

Sheriffs Sparks and Fouts of Roane and Loudon counties, Tenn., arrested Henry Haley and Tom Williams here to-day for murders committed in that state three years ago. They left with their prisoners for Tennessee this afternoon.

A gentleman familiar with the circumstances says that Simmons was formerly a highly respected citizen of Henrietta, and was for three years county assessor. He had been drinking for some time and had considerably impoverished himself. Several weeks ago he entered the Parlor saloon and called for a drink, when Wofford demanded cash. Simmons was very much offended and a day or two later, meeting Wofford on the street he drew a pistol on him. Wofford also pulled his gun, but interposition of bystanders prevented trouble. Simmons was arrested and refused to allow his friends to pay his fine, going to the calaboose to serve out his sentence. He was released from his voluntary imprisonment Tuesday.

AUSTIN.

A Probably Fatal Shooting Affray—Memoirs of Ben Thompson.

Special to the Gazette.

Austin, April 1.—A difficulty occurred yesterday evening between Albert Glawosky and Joe Furgett, while fishing in the Colorado about three miles from the city, which ended in Glawosky shooting Furgett in the arm with a shotgun, inflicting a serious but probably not fatal wound. Officer McClure started after Glawosky, and found him on the banks of the river armed with a Winchester. He warned the officer not to approach, but it was not heeded, and after a little strategy and a desperate hand-to-hand struggle he was secured and lodged in prison.

The history of Ben Thompson will soon be issued from a leading publishing house.

Interest in the little episode of yesterday, in which Governor McEnery of Louisiana acted so insultingly towards Governor Ireland and the state of Texas, was heightened to-day by a minister by the latter. It leaks out that a sheriff of this state arrested a man who was wanted in Louisiana, and to-day Governor Ireland received a dispatch from Governor McEnery, stating that a requisition had been forwarded by mail, and to hold the man until he could arrive. The reply wired back was that after such treatment as that lately received at his hands, the executive of Texas could not presume upon such a stretch of authority.

The state treasurer's monthly exhibit shows today an actual cash surplus of \$592,280, distributed as follows:

General revenue \$315,670; available school fund, \$105,400; permanent school fund, \$45,000; balance in other minor funds, \$106,210. Total bonds, \$105,900, of which \$89,300 is held by the permanent school fund, and \$66,000 by the permanent university fund.

The comptroller purchased to-day for the permanent school funds bonds of Kaufman and Eriv counties, each in the amount of \$15,000.

Winnie Lucas, charged with beating her baby to death, was acquitted to-day, the jury being out over twenty minutes. The verdict occasioned considerable surprise.

Funding Mexican National.

New York, April 1.—President Delano of the Mexican National railway has issued a circular providing for funding under the provisions of the trust deed of six coupons, first mortgage bonds of that company, beginning with the coupons due April 1, 1891. Under the trust deed a majority in interest of the bondholders direct the terms according to which such funding shall take place. The amount of bonds issued by the railway company is \$24,330,000. Up to this evening parties in interest to the amount of about \$5,000,000 have signed the waiver as sent out by Delano. As six million dollars more of the bonds are held abroad this is practically a majority interest in the American bondholder.

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FOREIGN.

ENGLAND.

COMMENTS ON THE CINCINNATI RIOT.

London, April 1.—The Times, commenting upon the arrival of British troops, says: "Occurrence like that must give the statesmen of that vast and growing republic food for reflection. One way to lessen the difficulty of preserving order is to secure a decent administration of justice, where bosses and criminal lawyers no longer have things their own way."

DUES ABOLISHED.

London, April 1.—The special pilotage dues in the Suez canal have been abolished.

BETS DECLARED OFF.

London, April 1.—Bets on the Oxford-Cambridge boat-race, made before the announcement of the postponement, have been declared off.

CANADA.

MAIL ROBBERIES.

Quebec, April 1.—The mail between Quebec and Toronto has been plundered several times within a few weeks. No trace of the robbers.

TURKEY.

CLOSING PROTESTANT SCHOOLS. Constantinople, April 1.—Letters from Asia Minor state that authorized agents of the Turkish government are attempting to close the Protestant schools conducted by American missionaries.

EGYPT.

AN EARNEST APPEAL.

London, April 1.—A Times dispatch from Khartoum says: "We are daily expecting the arrival of British troops; we cannot believe that the government will abandon us; our very existence depends upon Great Britain."

NO MORE CONCILIATION.

Cairo, April 1.—Gordon has finally decided to abandon the policy of conciliating the natives, being convinced by repeated efforts and failures that it is utterly useless. His new policy will be more vigorous, and as the first step towards carrying it out, Egyptian soldiers detailed to give a safe conduct to parties leaving Khartoum have received orders to return to the beleaguered citadel immediately.

CAPITULATED TO THE REBELS.

London, April 1.—A Khartoum dispatch says a rumor has reached that place that Slatin Bey has capitulated to the rebels in the province of Darfour.

SAILED FOR SUEZ.

Suakin, April 1.—Gen. Graham and troops have sailed for Suez.

OSMAN DIGMA.

London, April 1.—The latest advices report that Osman Digma is encamped in the vicinity of Tanniah, having about 1,000 followers and many sheiks, and that he is preparing to give battle to the tribes friendly to the English. Yesterday the rebels approached within a mile of Suakin and looted cattle. The inhabitants of Suakin are

discontented and angry at the delay by the British to take action to solve.

BRAZIL.

THIS COFFEE CROP.

London, April 1.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro says the coffee crop is the price of coffee. The recent heavy rain has been a great boon to the crop. The next crop will amount to 5,000 bags.

ROSE EYING.

To-night at the opera, the celebrated star opens a new production. She is of a dramatic type, and has a fine voice. Her people who have not seen her mark. Starting with a fine degree of the family, she has with the aid of that family, a rank as an emotional actress, and best plays of her repertoire. The play she is to give to-night, she will regret it, or could her price will be charged standing the celebrity of her